



ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

82 West 29th Street
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Our Mission

*The Parish Family of St. Henry
seeks to continue the mission started by its founders over a century ago.
With Jesus Christ as our model, centered in the Eucharist,
we will teach the gospel message and apply it to our everyday lives.
Our family will be a shining beacon of Christian hope and love
to the people of Bayonne.*

December 20, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Parish Catechetical Leader: Marie Pope
Youth Ministries

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Parish School: *We are part of an excellent co-sponsored Elementary school - All Saints Catholic Academy. For more information, call 201-443-8384 or visit website www.ascabayonne.org*

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day
Saturday Eve: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
Saturdays: 8:30 AM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM
Holy Days: (see inside bulletin for Mass times)
National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Parish Access Center: (Hudson County) 201-798-9958

Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass;
St. Jude Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM and 12:05 PM
Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 AM and 4:30 - 5:15 PM
Confessions will be heard any time at the Rectory. Please call
201-436-0857.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Call the Parish Office
to make arrangements. Baptismal Instruction will be sched-
uled prior to Baptism. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements as soon
as possible to insure time for adequate preparation for this
Sacrament. We look forward to helping you prepare for your
wedding day and marriage.

Blessing of your Marriage: If you have been married civilly
or in another religious tradition, and would like to have your
marriage blessed in the Roman Catholic Church, please call
the parish priests for more information.

Teaching the Good News

Grades Pre-K to 5, Catch-Up, RCIC, Special Needs Children:
Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Grades 1 to 5: Wednesdays 3:45 - 5 PM

Junior High (Gr. 6, 7, 8): Tuesday Evenings 6:45 - 8 PM

Grade 9 Confirmation: 1st Sun. of ea. Month, 10:30 - 11:55
AM, followed by 12 PM Youth Mass (beginning October)

To Become Catholic or Complete the Sacraments

For details about a life-changing journey called the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who have not
been Baptized and wish to do so; or information for Baptized
Catholics (children, teens or adults) who have not yet celebrat-
ed the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation and
now wish to do so, please call Marie Pope at 201-339-0319.

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick.
Communion: A priest or Eucharistic Minister of the parish
will bring Communion to those parishioners confined to
home. Please call the rectory.



Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone moans about the commercial aspects of the season, so we should do something to help us be more mindful of the Lord's coming: attend a special celebration of reconciliation; reach out to those alienated from family

or society, visit the homebound; demonstrate the love of the readings from the Bible assigned to each day; postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas; establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, December 19th

5:30 PM Joseph & Stella Jablonski

SUNDAY, December 20th

8:00 AM Ignatius Rychlicka
10:00 AM Dec. Mem. Dugan & Donohue Families
12:00 PM Michael Crawford

MONDAY, December 21st

8:30 AM Kathy Pierce
12:05 PM Michael Cleary

TUESDAY, December 22nd

8:30 AM Henry Lardizabal
12:05 PM Dec. Mem. Doolan & Wall Families

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd

8:30 AM Catherine Silverstein
12:05 PM Bridget Donohue & Stabile Families

THURSDAY, December 24th—Christmas Eve

8:30 AM For the People

All Living & Deceased Members of St. Henry Parish

4:30 PM Family Mass (Christmas Pageant at 4 PM)
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Carols at 9:40 PM)

FRIDAY, December 25th - Christmas Day

8:00 AM *All Living*
10:00 AM *& Deceased Members*
12:00 PM *of St. Henry Parish*

SATURDAY, December 26th

8:30 AM For the People
5:30 PM Gregg Jablonski

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27th

8:00 AM Eva Ceraolo
10:00 AM Lester & Gloria Crawford
12:00 PM John Rooth, Sophie & Charles Zaniewski,
Mary & Richard Rooth, Nicholas &
Pauline Scheremeta, Mary & Stanley Cieslak

MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Eva Ceraolo
from her husband, Philip

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: Catherine Sapara, Irene Sego, Corinne Burger, Robin Kuzma Delikat, Antoinette Lamberti, Kenny Healy, Darlene Lopez, Michael DeFazio, Elaine DeMartini, Liam Morley, Laurie Bauer, Hannah Cabrera, Daniel Gilligan, Rich Marchitto, Gloria Russell, Joseph Lillo, Marie Brady, Ruth Busick, Arthur Vatalaro, Jun Ong, Gary Truitt, Kathy McNally, Agnes May, Tajmool Ghany, Robert McNamara, Charita McAlarney, Jeanmarie Malanga, Emma & Jerry, John May, Irene Bock Fischer, Daniel Norton, Sharon Delaney, Jayna Ann Morrell, Maria Tibay, Vanessa Palen, Kim Ortiz, Marie Jacobson, Pat Mayer, John Williams, Samantha Davis, Pamela Fucci, Robertas Kuckailis, Maggie Doyle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 (18-25)
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 (1-5, 9-14)
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 (12-17) or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded that the Christmas Season continues as we look forward to the many other moments that grace this time: the Feast of the Holy Family, the Feast of the Epiphany, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. These experiences help to keep the joy of Christmas alive and vital for us. Jesus comes to us every day in the form of people and opportunities that allow us to celebrate our faith. Keep Christmas always, but especially in these next weeks.

St. Henry Parish NEWS

This Week...

SATURDAY, December 19th

9:00 AM Flea Market
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

SUNDAY, December 20th

8:45 AM Religious Education classes
10:00 AM Family Mass/Family Time
11:00 AM Blessing School Christmas Tree/Manger
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

MONDAY, December 21st

6:00 PM Girl Scouts
6:00 PM Christmas Pageant practice
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

TUESDAY, December 22nd

10:00 AM ESL
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd

7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

THURSDAY, December 24th—Christmas Eve

FRIDAY, December 25th—Christmas Day

SATURDAY, December 26th

SUNDAY, December 27th

REMINDER: Children's envelopes are meant for children's offerings only. All parishioners receive offering envelopes in the mail, quarterly, printed with their name and unique parishioner number. If you are not receiving offering envelopes, call the rectory, 201-436-0857.

Friday Morning FAITH SHARING

Sessions are cancelled for all of December. Meetings will resume on Friday, January 8th and shall continue with our study of the Acts of the Apostles (chapter 15).

Join Us...

- **TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM, LINE DANCING.** Parish Center. No experience necessary! For more info. call Norma Lardizabal at 201-844-4475.
- **WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 PM, Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help,** every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. First Wednesday—Novena Mass @7:30 PM—St. Benedict Chapel.
- **1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS: 1:30 to 3 PM, Faith Sharing & Intercessory Prayer Group** (held at C. Poli's home, 201-858-2675). Drop prayer intentions in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **FRIDAYS: 10:00 AM, Scripture Study/Faith Sharing.** Rectory Conference Room. Bring your Bible.
- **FRIDAYS: 7:30 PM, Gatekeepers Charismatic Prayer Community,** every Friday at 7:30 PM. **First Friday-** Novena and Healing Mass @ 7:30 PM, St. Benedict Chapel.
2nd & 3rd Fridays: Join **Fr. Alfie Pangillan,** Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Church, in our **BIBLE STUDY GROUP,** as he guides us and helps us explore and discuss the Word of the Lord together.
Novena to Señor Santo Nino every Friday @7:30 PM, St. Henry's Parish Center.
- **SUNDAYS: Prayer Shawl Ministry,** Sundays, 1—3 PM in the Rectory.

Religious Education...

FAMILY TIME—TODAY after the 10 AM Mass
Blessing of the Christmas Tree and Manger followed by Happy Birthday, Jesus Party in the Pine Room.

GIVING TREES

The last day to return Gift Cards and gift items will be Sunday, December 20th.

Christmas Pageant

Each year our Pre-K—5th grade, catch-up/RCIC and Special Needs children present our Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. This year, the Christmas Pageant will begin at 4 PM SHARP on Thursday, December 24th. The Christmas Eve Family Mass follows at 4:30 PM.

Pre-K—2nd grade and special needs children may be dressed as angels or they may wear their Christmas outfits; 3rd & 4th grade and catch-up/RCIC children who sing in the children's choir are invited to be carolers. They will be given hats and scarves to wear; 5th grade children will be asked by their respective catechists as to what roles they are interested in portraying (ie., narrator, Mary, Joseph, innkeeper, angels, shepherds, etc.). They will be given costumes for their respective roles.

If you would like to have your child/children participate in the pageant, please come to the Church for the following practices:

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade & Catch-Up/RCIC

Monday, December 14th, 6 PM

Wednesday, December 16th, 6 PM

Pre-K—5th Grades, Catch-Up/RCIC & Special Needs

Thursday, December 17th, 6 PM

Monday, December 21st, 6 PM



Congratulations to our new Youth Lectors, Michael Daly and Jonas Gomes, who did a fantastic job of lecturing the 1st and 2nd readings at our Youth Mass on Sunday, December 6th. Great job, guys!

A very special thanks to our Youth Ensemble who sang at our 12 Noon Youth Mass. Our Youth Ensemble consists of: Kaitlin Morrell, Isabella Alvarez, Theodulfo Jose D. Reyes, Giannella Rosado, Alexandria Irizarry, Ava Rodriguez and Anthony & Ariel Rankin. It is led by Robert Mastro Monaco and our Music Director, Chad Perry. Thanks to all for making our Liturgy come alive! God bless each of you in this wonderful music ministry.

Would you like to help a family in need for Christmas?

The Religious Education Office is asking for donations of gift cards from supermarkets, Toys R Us, Walmart, etc. Place the card in an envelope marked "Marie Pope" and return via the collection basket at Mass or bring to the Rectory or Religious Education Office.

SAVE THE DATE... Monday, December 28th, 6—9 PM in the Parish Center CHRISTMAS DANCE (6th, 7th & 8th grade students). For more info., call Marie Pope at 201-339-0319.

Advent

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER—concludes Monday 12/21 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 7:45 PM.

SIMBANG GABI—continues through December 23rd, 7:30 PM in Church. A Filipino tradition of celebrating a Novena of Masses in honor of Our Blessed Mother as she awaits the birth of her son, Jesus. Light refreshment and fellowship will follow the Mass each night in the Parish Center. YOU are invited to be a principal sponsor for whichever date you prefer. Call Imee, 551-587-9900; Mary Jo 201-779-2788 or Norma 201-844-4475.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL—TODAY, December 20th, Family Mass 10:00 AM, then blessing of the Manger and Christmas Tree at the school, followed by refreshments.



Christmas Flower donation envelopes are included in your packet of offering envelopes. Your donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one enables us to decorate our Church so beautifully for Christmas. Donation is \$15. Thank you.

TO: *All Members of St. Henry Parish Ministries:*

Parish Ministry Appreciation Dinner

DAY: Saturday
DATE: January 9, 2016
TIME: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
PLACE: St. Vincent Robinson Hall
 979 Avenue C
 (Basement of Church)
RSVP: By December 20, 2015
 Call Marie Pope
 201-339-0319

Our Church will be decorated for Christmas TODAY, December 20th at 1 PM. Please join us!

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th Street behind the Church) for private parties, please call Jean DiPillo at the rectory office, 201-436-0857, 9 AM—4 PM weekdays, for availability and more info.

OTHER HAPPENINGS - In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark



FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF...

Donate Blood. NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES hold their blood drives the 2nd Friday of each month in the **PINE ROOM of St.**

Henry's School. The next drive will take place **Friday, January 22, 1 PM—7 PM. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.** Questions /schedule an appointment for whole blood or ALYX (automated collection for red cells), call 1-800-933-2566. Apts. encouraged, walk-ins welcome! For platelets, call 1-866-758-5387.

From the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK:

SAVE THE DATES:

The Women's Commission Day of Reflection, Alive in Christ, will take place on **February 27th, 8 AM to 1 PM** at Seton Hall University.

The Men's Conference will take place on **March 5th, 8 AM to 1 PM** at Seton Hall University.

Registration for both events will open this November.

Free Support Group for Teenage and Young Adult Siblings of Individuals with Disabilities

(co-sponsored by SIBS NJ and the Archdiocese of Newark)

Wednesday, January 6th at 7:30 PM
St. John the Evangelist Parish Life Center
 15 North Washington Avenue
 Bergenfield, New Jersey

Refreshments will be served!

Please RSVP to Anne Masers at 973-497-6536 or email masteranrcan@gmail.com. Any questions, call Nancy Nasr at 973-851-0797 or email info.sibsnj@gmail.com

How to Report Abuse The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 973-497-4011.



Join us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.
Invite someone to share with you in the celebration of Christmas at St. Henry Church.

CHRISTMAS EVE, Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Pageant
4:30 PM	Family Mass
9:40 PM	Office of Lessons & Carols
10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Friday, December 25th

Mass of Christmas: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 Noon

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 31st - Mass 5:30 PM
Friday, January 1st - Masses: 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM

Christmas Gift for Your Parish

The Parish Christmas card and Christmas offering envelope have been mailed. Hopefully your have received yours, with our Christmas schedule enclosed. We encourage our parishioners to be Stewards for Christ in giving of their TREASURE and helping us reach our budgeted goal of \$50,000. We are, as always, grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Christmas Music and Liturgy

A special program of Music and Liturgy has been prepared for our parish family for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our schedule includes a Christmas presentation by our children 4 PM on Christmas Eve, followed by Mass at 4:30 PM, and the special 10 PM Mass program with carols at 9:45 PM, as well as a program at each of the Christmas Day Masses, 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon.

Invite your family and friends to share the celebration of Christ's birth in a very meaningful way.

Welcome Home!

During the Christmas season, many of our college students are home on break to spend time with their families. We're glad to have you back with us for these few weeks. Your presence is a reminder to all of us of the influence our parish has on the world around us. Remember, wherever you go you bring the charisma of St. Henry Parish with you!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: Please continue to contribute to our Food Pantry as you can. Your kindness and attention to the needs of others is appreciated!

Food Pantry Availability

As part of our partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Henry Bayonne parishioners who are in need of food may access the Food Pantry at St. Vincent's. The **Pantry will be open Thursday, December 30th. Pantry hours are 3—5 PM** and it is NOW located in the Rectory basement (entrance 46th St. ground level, near garage). **IMPORTANT:** In order to receive food you must indicate that you are from St. Henry Parish and bring with you current picture I.D. and current proof of residence (utility bill indicating your address in Bayonne). **RE-MINDER:** St. Henry Parish has a small food pantry, located in our Rectory Office, available 9 AM—3 PM weekdays. Bring picture ID.



Parish Registration

If you are not receiving offering envelopes or various parish mailings, chances are you are not a registered member of St. Henry Parish.

You are not automatically a registered member because you were married here, were brought up here or went to school here. Membership is by formal registration only. To register, come to the rectory office, between 9 AM and 4 PM weekdays and complete a registration card. Remember, membership with your parish is a requirement if you wish to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation.